

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 12, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 12, 2003. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-10 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 10-27 have been canceled by Applicant. Claims 1-27 are subjected to restriction and/or election requirement.

Applicant has amended claims 1-7 and 9 as to matters of form and to more clearly recite the claimed subject matter. New claims 28-36 have been added to more clearly claim aspects of the invention. Applicant submits that the changes made herein do not introduce new matter.

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Claims 1-9, drawn to electrochemical plating apparatus, classified in class 204, subclass 275.1.

Claims 10-27, drawn to an electrochemical plating method, classified in class 205, subclass 98.

Applicant elects group 1, claims 1-9 and new claims 28-36. Applicant has canceled claims 10-27.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Restriction Requirement, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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